

Most times, AM radio traffic reports are only broadcast every ten to fifteen minutes. This is a large enough gap that actually can mean the difference between sitting in an irreversable traffic jam, further delaying the traffic or averting the situation and thus lightening the overall traffic load. There are NO AM radio stations that broadcast continuous traffic reports such as the ones found on XM. If there was, perhaps the case would be clear. Since there is not, the case and the reasoning behind it has absolutely no validity and is nothing more then a witch hunt. Having the continuous weather alerts which XM provides in the vehicle could also end up saving lives from a sudden flash flood , a hurricane or even a tornado. They do not cause any financial losses to any commercial broadcast stations as many people still depend on these free resources since not everyone wants to pay to subscribe to readio broacasts, or simply cannot afford such a service. Therefore, XM is completely harmless, posing no threat to standard commercial broadcasting. They did this when cable TV first burst on the scene too. This case is a complete waste of time and resources. If those who are behind this put the same amount of effort into improving standard broacasting as they are with this issue, there would be significant improvments that would also stimulate competition throughout the industry.